

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended) A The polyester composition according to claim 1, comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) wherein the content of the partially aromatic polyamide is 3 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,

wherein the content of an alkali metal atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

34.-38. (Canceled)

39. (New) The polyester composition of claim 33, wherein the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

40. (New) The polyester composition of claim 33, wherein the partially aromatic polyester is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

41. (New) The polyester composition of claim 33, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

42. (New) The polyester composition of claim 33, wherein the difference ($A_t - A_0$) between the acetaldehyde content (A_t) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content (A_0) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

43. (New) The polyester composition of claim 33, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

44. (New) The polyester composition of claim 33, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less based on the total weight of the composition.

45. (New) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 33.

46. (New) The polyester packaging material of claim 45, wherein the packaging material is at least any one of blow-molded articles, sheet articles, and films.

47. (New) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 3 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,

wherein the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

48. (New) The polyester composition of claim 47, wherein the partially aromatic polyester is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

49. (New) The polyester composition of claim 47, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

50. (New) The polyester composition of claim 47, wherein the difference ($A_t - A_0$) between the acetaldehyde content (A_t) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content (A_0) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

51. (New) The polyester composition of claim 47, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

52. (New) The polyester composition of claim 47, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

53. (New) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 47.

54. (New) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester comprising a dicarboxylic acid component mainly comprising an aromatic dicarboxylic acid or an ester-forming derivative thereof and a glycol component mainly comprising ethylene glycol, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 3 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,

wherein the Color-L value of a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition at a molding temperature of 290°C is 80.0 or more and the haze thereof is 20% or less.

55. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the content of antimony atom is 200 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

56. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the content of an alkali metal atom is from 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition and the content of phosphorus atom is from 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition in the polyester composition.

57. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the partially aromatic polyester is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

58. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

59. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the difference ($A_t - A_0$) between the acetaldehyde content (A_t) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content (A_0) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

60. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

61. (New) The polyester composition of claim 54, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

62. (New) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 54.

63. (New) A polyester composition comprising
(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and
(b) 0.1 to 2 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,
wherein the content of an alkali metal atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

64. (New) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

65. (New) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the partially aromatic polyester is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

66. (New) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

67. (New) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the difference ($A_t - A_0$) between the acetaldehyde content (A_t) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content (A_0) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

68. (New) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

69. (New) The polyester composition of claim 63, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less based on the total weight of the composition.

70. (New) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 63.

71. (New) The polyester packaging material of claim 70, wherein the packaging material is at least any one of blow-molded articles, sheet articles, and films.

72. (New) A polyester composition comprising
(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and
(b) 0.1 to 2 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,
wherein the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition.

73. (New) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the partially aromatic polyester is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

74. (New) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

75. (New) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the difference ($A_t - A_0$) between the acetaldehyde content (A_t) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content (A_0) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

76. (New) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

77. (New) The polyester composition of claim 72, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

78. (New) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 72.

79. (New) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester comprising a dicarboxylic acid component mainly comprising an aromatic dicarboxylic acid or an ester-forming derivative thereof and a glycol component mainly comprising ethylene glycol, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 0.01 to 2 parts by weight of a partially aromatic polyamide per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester,

wherein the Color-L value of a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition at a molding temperature of 290°C is 80.0 or more and the haze thereof is 20% or less.

80. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the content of antimony atom is 200 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

81. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the content of an alkali metal atom is from 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition and the content of phosphorus atom is from 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition in the polyester composition.

82. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the partially aromatic polyester is an m-xylylene group-containing polyamide.

83. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the thermoplastic polyester is a polyester comprising ethylene terephthalate as a main repeating unit.

84. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the difference ($A_t - A_0$) between the acetaldehyde content (A_t) (ppm) in a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition and the acetaldehyde content (A_0) (ppm) of the polyester composition before injection molding is 20 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition.

85. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the content of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester is 0.7% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

86. (New) The polyester composition of claim 79, wherein the increase of a cyclic trimer derived from the thermoplastic polyester during melting treatment at 290°C for 30 minutes is 0.4% by weight or less per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester.

87. (New) A polyester packaging material, which is obtained by molding the polyester composition of claim 79.

88. (New) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 3 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester of a partially aromatic polyamide,

wherein

the content of an alkali metal atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition,

the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition,

the content of antimony atom is 200 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition, and

the Color-L value of a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition at a molding temperature of 290°C is 80.0 or more and the haze thereof is 10% or less.

89. (New) A polyester composition comprising

(a) 100 parts by weight of a thermoplastic polyester, wherein the fine powder content of the thermoplastic polyester is 1,000 ppm or less, and

(b) 0.1 to 2 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the thermoplastic polyester of a partially aromatic polyamide,

wherein

the content of an alkali metal atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 0.1 to 300 ppm based on the total weight of the composition,

the content of phosphorus atom in the polyester composition is within the range of 5 to 200 ppm based on the total weight of the composition,

the content of antimony atom is 200 ppm or less based on the total weight of the composition, and

the Color-L value of a molded article obtained by injection molding of the polyester composition at a molding temperature of 290°C is 80.0 or more and the haze thereof is 10% or less.